Consignment of Cars by M.U.L.

3329. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
KUMARI DIPIKA CHIKHLIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maruti Udyog has held back a consignment of cars destined to Europe due to body paint peeling off;

(b) whether the Government have enquired into the matter to find out the reasons for the peeling off the body paint;

(c) if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (d). Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MUL) had detected a defect in the paint quality in 673 cars produced for exports to Europe and held back their shipment. The defect was on account of lack of adhesion of the top coat because the intermediate coat paint did not perform satisfactorily. Negotiations will be held by MUL with the paint supplier regarding the loss casued. MUL has taken necessry steps to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future.

Profit Making Public Sector Undertakings

3330. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the public sector undertakings which have earned profits during 1989-90;

(b) the estimated profit so earned by each Unit;

(c) whether the prices of products manufactured by these Public Undertakings were also increased during the above period; and

(d) if so, the amount earned by such increase in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). The names of central public sector enterprises which earned profits alongwith the amount of profits earned by them during 1989-90 are indicated pages S-18 to S-51 placed before the Parlimament on 27.2.1991.

(c) The information is available at page 106-109 of Volume -I of Public Enterprises Survey as reffered above.

(d) The incremental profits arising out of price rise cannot be determined as there are also corresponding increase in input costs.

Supply of full quantity of ration items to card holders

3331. SHRI P.M. SAYEED:
PROF. PREM DHUMAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fair Price Shop dealers in Delhi are giving full quantity of ration items to ration card-holders;

(b) if so, the quantity of each item gives per unit; and

(c) if not, the remedial measures proposed to be taken to stop malpractices by the dealers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c). Fair Price Shops in Delhi are giving ration to card holders according to instructions issued by the Delhi Administration to ensure that minimum of 8kg. of wheat per adult per month is given to resident s of Jhuggi Jhopri clusters/ resettlement colonies. Regular inspections as well as surprise raids are undertaken to see that ration items are undertaken to see that raton items are not diverted into unauthorised channels. Appropriate action is taken against those indulging in mal-practices.

Exploration by Indian Rare Earths Limited

3332. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleasd to state:

(a) whether the Indian Rare Earths Limited has undertaken exploration activities at various places in Tamil Nadu other than at Manavalakuruchi; and

(b) if so, the details therof?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Atomic Minerals Division of the Department of Atomic Energy has undertaken exploration work at Kudiraimozi Teri in the V.O. Chidambaranar dist. of Tamil Nadu. Based on this exploration work, feasibility studies have been undertaken by Indian Rare Earths Limited.

(b) Exploration work carried out by Atomic Minerals Division of the Department of Atomic Energy has proved that heavy sand mineralisation occure over an area of about 22.6 sq. km. in Kudiraimozhi Teri in the V.O. .Chidambaranar Dist. in Tamil Nadu. The deposit contains approx. 160 million tonnes of sand wirh a heavy mineral content of about 13 million tonnes. The major heavy mineral ilmenite, amounts to about 9 (nine million tonnes.

Appointment on Compassionate Grounds

3333. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:
SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:

Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleasd to state:

(a) whether Under the instructions issued for appointment to Group 'C' posts on compassionate grounds, the Heads of the Departments are empowered to relax the minimum educational qualifications prescribed for the posts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether it has come to the notice of the Government that relaxation of minimum educational qualifications has been given in some Ministeries/Departments while appointing the persons on compassionate grounds to Group 'C' posts; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b): Under the existing instuctions for compassionate appointment, Departments are competent to relax temporarily educational qualifications in the case of appointment at the lowest level i.e. Group 'D' or LDC post, in exceptional circumsatnces where the condi-